

## Vandalism and tagging incidents rise with summer vacation



Parkwood Ranch is experiencing a rise in tagging and vandalism incidents now that summer vacation is in full swing. Parents are reminded that City of Mesa curfew laws will be enforced by the police officers who weekly patrol the neighborhood. The City of Mesa curfew law states:

*6-6-1: CURFEW FOR MINORS: (A) It is unlawful for a minor under the age of sixteen (16) years to be in, on, or upon a public street, sidewalk, alley, right-of-way, or other public place in the City between the hours of ten (10:00) P.M. and five (5:00) A.M. It is unlawful for a minor between the ages of sixteen (16)*

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## Abandoned pools pose serious health risks to community

If you live near an abandoned home with a swimming pool, you may be at risk for West Nile Virus, especially if that pool has standing stagnant water in it.

Homeowners can report green pools by calling Maricopa County Vector Control at 602-506-0700. Residents can protect themselves from mosquitoes by wearing insect repellent with DEET, as well as covering exposed skin with lightweight clothing. For more information, visit [www.maricopa.gov/envsvc/VectorControl/](http://www.maricopa.gov/envsvc/VectorControl/).

**West Nile Virus Hotline**

**602-506-0700**

green pools • fogging notification  
dead birds • mosquitoes

**Fight the Bite!**



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*years and eighteen (18) years to be in, on, or upon a public street, sidewalk, alley, right-of-way, or other public place in the City between the hours of twelve (12:00) midnight and five (5:00) A.M. (2585,2825) (B) It is unlawful for a parent, guardian, or other person having legal care and custody of a minor to knowingly allow or permit the minor to be in, on, or upon a public street, sidewalk, alley, right-of-way, or other public place in violation of the provisions of this Section, except as expressly provided herein. (2585)*

Violating curfew may cost kids and their parents up to \$2,500 and jail time of up to six months.

During the April Annual Meeting of the Members, Officer Paul Swanson of the Mesa Police Department spoke about crime in Parkwood Ranch. Officer Swanson has patrolled Parkwood Ranch for more than six years. In an effort to curb tagging activity, he and the Skyline High School Resource Officer work together to help catch youth who tag items in the community.

Officer Swanson said police patrols of Parkwood Ranch have cut down on criminal activity in the community. Officer Swanson said crime reports were down in 2010 as a result of the police patrol, while the surrounding neighborhoods have a much higher incidence of crime. In 2010, there were 207 total calls for service in Parkwood Ranch, with 27 calls for vehicle burglary and 26 calls for residential burglary.

“Some of the most common mis-

takes Parkwood Ranch residents make is leaving their garage doors open at night, and their vehicles unlocked,” Swanson told residents at the annual meeting. “Residential burglaries also occur during the day, when garage doors are left open presenting easy grab opportunities for thieves.”

Vandalism or criminal damage calls also declined in 2010, with 29 calls for service taken during the year. Residents are urged to call the Mesa Police Department if they observe vandalism taking place, or gang activity such as tagging. If a resident sees graffiti on Association property, such as block walls or retention basis, they are advised to call the management company, Renaissance Community Partners, at 480-813-6788. By

working together, residents can help curb the amount of vandalism and tagging that occur within Parkwood Ranch. For more crime prevention tips, visit the Mesa Police Department website at [www.mesaaz.gov/POLICE/](http://www.mesaaz.gov/POLICE/).

## Former Board Member Charlie Stock passes away

Community member and former Parkwood Ranch HOA Board member Charlie Stock passed away April 11, 2011.

Charlie became an active participant and treasurer of the Board in 2005. The Parkwood Board extends its deepest sympathies to Charlie’s friends and family. Services have already been held.

### Parkwood Ranch Community Master Association Board

- Roberta Cullen .....President
- Victor Reichstein .... Vice President
- Ronald Waters .....Secretary
- Michael Van Vleck..... Treasurer
- Kerry Whetten .....Member
- Thomas Finn.....Member
- Robert Herrera .....Member

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**Renaissance Community Partners**  
 480-813-6788  
 633 E. Ray Rd. #122  
 Gilbert, AZ 85296

### Important Phone Numbers

- Police & Fire .....911
- Mesa Police Superstition Patrol Dist. ....480-644-4371
- Mesa Animal Control ..... 480-644-2268
- Mesa Fire Non-Emergency # ..... 480-644-2101
- City of Mesa .....480-644-2011

The Parkwood Ranch *RoundUp* is a community publication from the Parkwood Ranch Master Community Association. We welcome all comments, contributions and letters. Please contact us at Renaissance Community Partners, 480-813-6788.



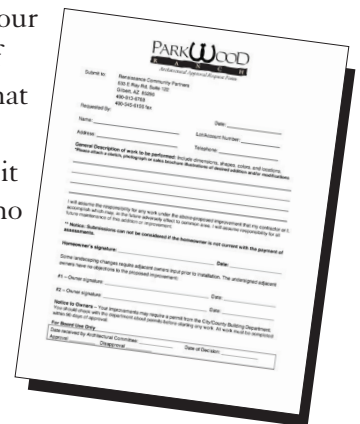
## Report vacant homes and help increase property values in Parkwood

Renaissance Community Partners needs your help in reporting vacant properties within Parkwood Ranch. If you live adjacent to an abandoned home, send the property address, and your contact information to: [vacant@rcplimited.com](mailto:vacant@rcplimited.com). You'll help preserve property values and direct the management company to those properties that are in need of yard maintenance.

## Save \$75 by submitting an ARC request BEFORE you do the work

Are you planning to paint your house? Change the front-yard landscaping? Rip out your lawn and install desert plants? Save yourself \$75 by submitting and obtaining approval of your ARC request before you begin work on any changes to your home or landscaping that can be viewed from the street.

The Board of Directions recently instituted a policy where residents who do not submit an ARC request and obtain approval before making changes will pay a \$75 fee. Those who submit and obtain approval before the work is started will not be assessed this fee. ARC request forms can be found on the Parkwood Ranch website at [www.parkwoodhoa.com](http://www.parkwoodhoa.com). Board members cannot accept ARC requests for residents. Only submittals sent to the management company will be considered. Homeowners with questions regarding this policy should call Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.



## Mesa Public Libraries create customized reading lists for patrons

The Mesa Public Library is providing its patrons with a new and exciting service. Starting today, patrons can participate in "Books Just for You" a Reader's Advisory service where patrons fill out information about their reader profile and the Mesa Public Library staff creates a customized reading list.

Patrons can either fill out the in-

formation online at: <http://www.mesalibrary.org> under "Online Forms" or in person at any three branches of the Mesa Public Library. All information received will be confidential and your customized reading list will be emailed directly to you within one week.

"We feel this is another great and free tool we can offer to our patrons,"

Mesa Library Assistant Director Kate Havris said. "To have a book list already created to your reading interests will maximize your time spent searching for items in the Library."

Mesa Public Library branches are: Main Library, 64 E. First St., Dobson Ranch Library, 2425 S. Dobson Road, and the Red Mountain Library, 635 N. Power Road.

## Arizona Celebration of Freedom July 1 & 2 in Mesa

Downtown Mesa is the place to be on Friday, July 1 and Saturday, July 2 for The Southwest Ambulance Arizona Celebration of Freedom. This tremendous celebration won the award for 2010 Outstanding Event of the Year from the Arizona Festival and Event Association. It is the first time a first-year event has won this prestigious award. Dubbed “the coolest independence festival in the state” with more than a dozen “cool zones,” it is destined to be the State’s premiere July festival celebrating America’s freedom and independence.

“We had an incredible celebration last summer drawing tens of thousands of people to downtown Mesa and this year will be even better,” Mesa Mayor Scott Smith said. “We will, once again, blow the roof off City Hall and other downtown buildings with pyrotechnics followed by an intense fireworks display ending the two-day festival on Saturday night. What makes it special is that it’s a community event with something for everyone: games, music, food and a fun, educational way to learn about our

nation’s history.”

Two new attractions this year are a 36-foot replica of the USS Arizona and the Arizona Centennial Copper Chopper. The USS Arizona Replica Battleship was launched in 1984 by Cecil Bates who constructed the replica to commemorate the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Arizona Centennial Copper Chopper was produced by world-renowned bike builder Paul Yaffe of Arizona. It is traveling the state for 17 months to promote Arizona’s 100th anniversary of Statehood, motorcycle safety and Arizona history.

The Southwest Ambulance Arizona Celebration of Freedom, an official Arizona centennial event, is filled with entertainment, classic cars, motorcycles, beer gardens, art, music, patriotic displays and education, games, family fun, and so much more. For a full list of attractions go to <http://www.azcelebrationoffreedom.org>.

“We are excited to host this spectacular event in our downtown.” DMA Executive Director David Short said. “We are closing Main Street for two days and turning the street into Mesa’s largest communi-

ty entertainment venue to celebrate our nation’s Independence with icons that make America what it is today - motorcycles, cars, bands, family activities and more. Many of our downtown businesses will remain open during the day with lots of parking available behind buildings.”

The free family-friendly event is presented by Southwest Ambulance, Chicago Cubs, KOOL-FM, Cox Communications, Mesa Sertoma Club, City of Mesa, Downtown Mesa Association, Mesa Convention and Visitors Bureau and Downtown Mesa Merchants.

### Notable Quotable

*“When written in Chinese the word “crisis” is composed of two characters - one represents danger and the other represents opportunity.”*

*– John F. Kennedy,  
April 12, 1959*

## Board Meetings

The Parkwood Ranch Association Board is looking for new members for the Architectural Review Committee. ARC members must live within Parkwood Ranch and be current with their assessments. If you are interested,



please contact Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held in the Media Center at Patterson Elementary School, 615 S. Cheshire, Mesa.

### August 22, 2011

#### Patterson Elementary School

*Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6:30-7 p.m.  
Board Meeting/General Session - 7:30 p.m.*

### September 26, 2011

#### Patterson Elementary School

*Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6:30-7 p.m.  
Board Meeting/General Session - 7:30 p.m.*

### October 24, 2011

#### Patterson Elementary School

*Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6:30-7 p.m.  
Board Meeting/General Session - 7:30 p.m.*